GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:71
ANSWERED ON:22.11.2001
ELECTRIFICATION OF VILLAGES
RAM SHAKAL

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme for complete electrification of the villages having power projects nearby;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a number of villages in Uttar Pradesh having power projects nearby are still deprived of electrification till date; and

(d) if so, the time by which the Government are likely to electrify these villages and supply electricity to the maximum hours?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SURESH P. PRABHU)

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 71 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 22.11.2001 REGARDING ELECTRIFICATION OF VILLAGES.

(a) & (b) : There are 587258 inhabited villages (1991 census), out of which 508162 villages have been electrified by September, 2001. Rural Electrification Schemes are formulated and executed by the State Electricity Boards (SEBs) according to the priorities fixed by the respective State governments. The funds for the Rural Electrification Programme undertaken by the States are provided in the respective State plans. Rural Electrification Corporation (REC), a financial institution at the Central level also provides funds by way of loans to SEBs/State Governments for rural electrification schemes, as are sponsored by them for financial assistance including those for augmentation and strengthening of power distribution system for improving quality and reliability of power supply in the rural areas.

During the Chief Ministers` Conference held on 3rd March,2001, it was resolved to complete village electrification by the end of 10th Plan and the coverage of all households by the end of 11th Plan and to include rural electrification in the Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojna (PMGY). Rural Electrification Programme has now been included under PMGY. The responsibility of extending electricity to the rural areas near generation projects lies with the State government and State Electricity Board/Utility.

(c) & (d) : In Uttar Pradesh, out of 97122 inhabited villages (1991 census),77071 villages have been reported to be electrified at the end of August, 2001. The government is committed to complete village electrification by the end of 10th Plan and the coverage of all households by the end of 11th Plan. Under PMGY, Government of Uttar Pradesh have proposed to electrify 1200 villages and 1200 Dalit/Tribal bastis and the allocation approved for rural electrification under PMGY is Rs.9417.00 lakhs. Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation limited have also electrified the resettlement colonies and is responsible for their maintenance.